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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging Governor Michael Pence to proclaim March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

*Whereas, Multiple System Atrophy is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects the autonomic functions of the body;*

*Whereas, Multiple System Atrophy, for which there is no known cure, is caused by degeneration or atrophy of nerve cells in a part of the brain, which can result in problems with movement, balance, and autonomic functions of the body;*

*Whereas, The symptoms of this rapidly advancing disease can occur in any combination, from loss of balance and*

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*coordination, fainting due to low blood pressure, swallowing difficulties, breathing problems, and rigidity and tremors similar to Parkinson's Disease or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS);*

*Whereas, Recent research suggests that five per 100,000 people are affected by the disease; and*

*Whereas, The lives of caregivers, family, and friends are affected when a loved one's independence is slowly taken away as the disease progresses: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges
- 2           Governor Michael Pence to proclaim March as Multiple System
- 3           Atrophy Awareness Month to raise awareness of this debilitating
- 4           disease.
- 5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Christina E.
- 7           Faulkner.

